

"My Fifty Years in the Ministry."

BY THOMAS HOWARD

A very pleasant feature of the many interesting happenings which took place during the recent visit to this city of Bishop David H. Moore and the sessions of the Spanish Methodist conference was the address delivered last Sunday evening in the Lead Avenue Methodist church by Albuquerque's venerable clergyman, Rev. Thomas Howard, D.D. His subject was, "My Fifty Years in the Ministry." The sermon, for such it really was, was delivered before the conference, in the presence of the bishop and also before the members of the G. K. Warren Post No. 5, G. A. R., of which Dr. Howard is chaplain. The large audience present followed the speaker throughout with marked attention and at the close of the service many took occasion to congratulate him upon his address and upon his remarkable retention of strength and vigor. A synopsis of Dr. Howard's remarks follows:

Seventy-seven years ago today, October 16, 1829, my father smiled and said, "It's a boy," and he who writes this sketch then commenced the struggle of life. He is just now entering his seventy-eighth year.

Sixty-five years ago this past August, that same boy was converted and united with the Methodist church, which has ever since been the church of his choice.

Fifty-one years ago in April last, he preached his first sermon. It was at West Royalton, Berrien county, Michigan. Text, John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but having everlasting life." A synopsis of his life and work follows:

Since that sermon was preached in much thinness, the world has moved but that text is the same and yet remains. At that time three millions of souls in the South were enslaved. The elements were waging to abolish slavery. The writer, though brought up in the South, was always opposed to slavery. His parents were never slaveholders and he rejoiced when slavery was abolished. At that time it was the greatest curse of the land, as the liquor traffic now is.

At that same time, 1855, Dr. Durbin, the Missionary, corresponding secretary of the Methodist Episcopal church, with the bishops also seemed troubled to know what to do with our missionary work in New Mexico. The work had been organized with Rev. E. G. Nicholson as superintendent, and a few others who made their headquarters in Santa Fe. A few other denominations had gone in also but they found the work exceedingly difficult and after a few years ours were recalled. In the meantime, however, a Roman Catholic priest claimed to be converted and was received into our mission and was aiding the work in New Mexico. He called frequently for a superintendent. Dr. Durbin in writing about it, wrote somewhat in the form of a prayer and expressed the hope that the Lord would raise up some one to go to that field and make his life work; to superintend the English and Spanish work and schools. One who would keep out of worldly speculations and make his illuminating mark upon the territory and future state of that country. Such a work would be worthy of a great soul.

Now I do not mean to intimate, that I am the man prayed for, but if I am not, the prayer has not yet been answered. But when I call to mind that Mrs. Harwood was a good scholar, a fine teacher and that my self had had several years of experience as teacher, as preacher, and army life and no children to keep us in our "beautiful Wisconsin" to educate, perhaps I might indulge the thought we were the ones prayed for by the great doctor.

Before I came to New Mexico I had preached three years and a half in Michigan, one year in Minnesota, three years and a half in Wisconsin, before the war, three years in army life and three in Wisconsin after the war and thirty-seven in New Mexico, thus making fifty-one years.

It might be asked which of all those places made the greatest impression upon me? I answer, Army life. Preaching in the army was so different from anywhere else. Army life with its long marches, skirmishing, battles, constant dangers, had their lessons and were very suggestive. The reflective mind found much to think of and many lessons were studied and learned without book, such for instance, as patience, confidence in the righteousness of our cause, the motives that lead us out and the hope of victory, the confidence we had in our leaders as President Lincoln, General Grant, Sherman, Sheridan and Howard and a host of others, as well as confidence in our comrades, for we would as soon look for the moon to fall to the earth as for a soldier to desert his comrade in the face of battle. If such confidence or faith in all these how easy to carry the "light" to faith and confidence in our every Father. To preach with these thoughts in your life and stand as it were in the midst of the living and the dead with all the aforementioned thoughts before you how easy it was to preach.

So work in New Mexico has been very impressive. Goldsmith in his "Annotated Nature" speaks of the monks warming themselves by the fires the travelers made, but the lazy things could never build their own fires. So when we came to New Mexico we found no spiritual fires burning and we have seen kindle fires in New Mexico ever since, by the help of the Lord. Your speaker had traveled thirty thousand miles in New Mexico before the railroad came. About three hundred and sixty thousand by rail. In 1870 the territory had about 85 degrees; there were but very few Americans in the country and the outlook was exceedingly discouraging. In my first trip of four hundred miles, four weeks travel, I preached eleven times to sixty-eight people. You may see at a glance how discouraging it was at that time with the Spanish language yet to be learned. Our missionary work in New Mexico has not gone forward with leaps and bounds as some say theirs has, but has moved gradually. In 1870 we had 20 members; in 1880 we had five hundred, more or less. In 1884 the work was divided into English and Spanish, and we gave off about two hundred American members to the English work, and several church buildings, and in 1890 we had about fifteen hundred Spanish-speaking members; in 1900 we had about twenty-two hundred and at our last conference just closing the statistics show that we have thirty-one hundred, twenty-nine parsonages valued at \$78,000. Sunday school scholars 1332, and in all this you will see we have built our own work and have had to dig this all out of Romanism, and when compared with any other like mission in the world, considering the limited missionary funds we have had we are not ashamed to compare it with any other mission.

Dear old Grand Army men I am glad to see you here tonight. I have already spoken a little on army life but I wish now to speak a few words to you about my eventual trip to Minneapolis to attend the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. It was a great privilege to march with over sixteen thousand of the old soldiers, notwithstanding the excessive heat it was a wonderful privilege to see between four and five thousand civilians in Minneapolis, filling the sidewalks, front yards, doors, windows, sometimes up to the tenth and twelfth stories of private and public buildings with waving handkerchiefs, shouts and cheers over the old soldier on his march that day. There were only three of us from New Mexico, but as the speaker had the honor of carrying the New Mexico banner he felt as proud as a king. The most interesting of it, however, was the reunion of his old regiment, the Twenty-fifth Wisconsin Volunteers, where he met with about fifty of the old soldiers of the Twenty-fifth, many of them had their wives and daughters and sisters and relatives and the reunion was simply wonderful. At that reunion the major of the Twenty-fifth was there, and we made him chairman of the meeting. In my address to the old comrades I said: "Here sits in that chair, the Major of our own Twenty-fifth, I rode with him in the army, hundreds of miles and I might say, thousands of miles and I am glad to say today that he never spoke to me an unkind word. I would like to say the same of Col. Rusk if he were yet living. I wish I could say the same of all my brethren in the ministry. I stand tonight on the seventeenth round of a long ladder. The steps of the ladder have been upward and upward and from this topmost step I shall soon step upward like Lazarus—the angels will come and bring me away to the better home. Then was sung by the choir: "My latest sun is sinking fast, My journey's almost past, My strongest trials now are past, My triumph is begun. O, come angel band, Come and around me stand! O, lead me away on your snowy wings To my immortal home."

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The report that O. A. Larazolo had withdrawn from the race as a candidate for delegate to congress was vehemently denied at the democratic headquarters in the Grant building yesterday. When Secretary Walton, of the territorial democratic central committee, was approached yesterday for the purpose of confirming the report, he seemed to be a little bit ruffled that such a rumor was in circulation, and claimed that it was a canard, pure and simple, evidently put in circulation by some of the fusionists who intend to vote for Marron. Mr. Walton says Larazolo spoke in Deming last night, and will speak at Silver City tonight, and at Central and Santa Rita tomorrow morning and afternoon. On Friday and Saturday of this week he will be in Socorro county, and next Monday and Tuesday in this county. He will appear at the Elks opera house Tuesday night, Oct. 23.

Secretary Hanley of the county republican central committee, is receiving encouraging reports from all the county precincts. "The indications," says Mr. Hanley, "are strong that every candidate on the regular republican ticket will come into the city with handsome majorities, and there are no indications on the surface that any republican ticket will not carry the two city precincts by majorities variously estimated from 150 to 500. While we do not concede the old town precinct to the fusionists, still there is a bare possibility that Jesus Romero will carry the precinct for probate judge by a small majority." The Evening Citizen asked Secretary Hanley if "Boss" Marron's candidate for county treasurer and collector, John S. Beaven, on the fusion ticket, had a ghost or a show for election, and he remarked, with a show of great confidence, that the good judgment of the voters, "Not a bit in the world. He will be badly defeated."

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The New Mexican says: Misses Eva Cox, Jennie West and Carrie Miller, a trio of tourists from Topeka, Kansas, were visitors in the city yesterday and today, and visited various points of interest in Santa Fe. From here they went to Albuquerque while en route to El Paso and Mexico.

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SHIPMENT OF FINE EWES FROM ESTANCIA VALLEY

Of all the sheep to leave the valley this year, probably the best ones were the trainload which left on Tuesday for Sycamore, Ill., says the Estancia News. They were purchased by Thos. Richmond for Foy & Sterlecker, and are from the McIntosh flock. Dr. Skinner, who inspected them before loading, says they are the finest to leave the valley this season. There were about 1500 in the bunch.

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POLITICAL POINTERS

Superintendent of Instruction Stroup is said to be diligently studying law. The professor is an ardent abolitionist and the county is afflicted with the loss of his services he may throw down the gauntlet of disdain and once more perorate his classical Patrick Henryism. "It don't make no difference now!"

J. B. Mayo, the republican candidate for county commissioner for the second district, has returned to the city from a business trip to his mines at Golden, and has gone into the campaign in dead earnest. He is an old campaigner, and he will be elected with the other republican candidates by a big majority.

Chairman Bursum, of the territorial republican central committee, says the election of Candidate Andrews, for delegate to congress, looks exceedingly bright, and he predicts a majority of 10,000 for the ticket of the republican ticket. Chairman Bursum is of the opinion that Mr. Andrews will carry every county in the territory, with the exception of two or three known democratic counties.

The readers of the Democrat-Journal are wondering to themselves what that paper persists in giving the good records of every candidate on the fusion ticket, except that of Perfecto Armijo. "Boss" Marron has sent out his manifesto to the effect that the less said of Perfecto the better. The paper for the ticket, and the muzzle has thus been put upon that great reform (7) sheet for personal gain, the Democrat-Journal.

Thos. J. Ross, the battle man of Sierra county, was in the city to confer with ex-Senator Howland, of the democratic party, who formerly resided in that county. Mr. Ross is a candidate on the democratic ticket for the legislative house from the representative district of Socorro and Sierra counties, and desires some pointers as to how he can elect. Mr. Ross was turned over to "Boss" Marron, the only successful one-man boss of a big party today in the territory.

"There is absolutely no question of republicanism or democracy at issue in the local campaign in this country," declares the Morning Journal. It was hardly to be expected that the Journal would so inadvertently run a sore spot at this stage. The "issue in the local campaign" was raised by the organization of the citizens' ticket. That there is no republicanism in the movement needs no repetition. It is a movement to have democracy involved can be testified to by every democrat in Bernalillo county who dreamed a flitting dream that Marron would secure "ample representation"—and woke—to find himself humiliated.

The report that O. A. Larazolo had withdrawn from the race as a candidate for delegate to congress was vehemently denied at the democratic headquarters in the Grant building yesterday. When Secretary Walton, of the territorial democratic central committee, was approached yesterday for the purpose of confirming the report, he seemed to be a little bit ruffled that such a rumor was in circulation, and claimed that it was a canard, pure and simple, evidently put in circulation by some of the fusionists who intend to vote for Marron. Mr. Walton says Larazolo spoke in Deming last night, and will speak at Silver City tonight, and at Central and Santa Rita tomorrow morning and afternoon. On Friday and Saturday of this week he will be in Socorro county, and next Monday and Tuesday in this county. He will appear at the Elks opera house Tuesday night, Oct. 23.

Secretary Hanley of the county republican central committee, is receiving encouraging reports from all the county precincts. "The indications," says Mr. Hanley, "are strong that every candidate on the regular republican ticket will come into the city with handsome majorities, and there are no indications on the surface that any republican ticket will not carry the two city precincts by majorities variously estimated from 150 to 500. While we do not concede the old town precinct to the fusionists, still there is a bare possibility that Jesus Romero will carry the precinct for probate judge by a small majority." The Evening Citizen asked Secretary Hanley if "Boss" Marron's candidate for county treasurer and collector, John S. Beaven, on the fusion ticket, had a ghost or a show for election, and he remarked, with a show of great confidence, that the good judgment of the voters, "Not a bit in the world. He will be badly defeated."

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The New Mexican says: Misses Eva Cox, Jennie West and Carrie Miller, a trio of tourists from Topeka, Kansas, were visitors in the city yesterday and today, and visited various points of interest in Santa Fe. From here they went to Albuquerque while en route to El Paso and Mexico.

Apple picking and packing in the orchard of G. W. McCoy near Aztec, San Juan county, is now in full blast and the best crop in recent years will be gathered by Mr. McCoy. Early estimates of the yield of this orchard were 5,000 boxes, but already about 3,000 boxes have been picked and from the amount yet on the trees it is estimated that close to 8,000 boxes will be a dollar a box, will be the net result. The value of thorough spraying is demonstrated by the almost total absence of worms in the apples. Mr. McCoy has only about 17 acres of orchard but he understands the care of trees and his many friends will rejoice in his success this year.

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ACROBATIC FEATS OF PERFECTO ARMILLO

THE FUSION CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF—HAS ALWAYS BEEN A BOLTER.

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1882—He organized a bolt from the regular republican convention and entered into a combination with the democrats and ran on what was called the "people's ticket."

1884—In 1884 he ran on an independent fusion movement against the regular nominee of the republican party for sheriff.

1886—In 1886 he was not a candidate.

1888—In 1888 he ran for assessor on the republican ticket and was elected.

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